

NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM TRAILS

OKANOGAN - WENATCHEE NATIONAL FOREST

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.55 (d), the following acts are prohibited on National Forest System Four Wheel Drive Trail 1501680 (Little Rattlesnake) in Township 15 North, Range 14 East, Section 32 and 33; and Township 14 North, Range 14 East, Sections 5, 6, and 7; within the Naches District of the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest:

(1) For the purpose of this order, operating a vehicle in violation of the width, height, length, or other limitations specified by this order.

(a) Vehicles are not to exceed 75 inches in width as measured from outside of tire to outside of tire; and

(b) Vehicle wheelbase is not to exceed 95 inches in length from center of axle to center of axle.

(c) Vehicles will be allowed to travel in one direction only (west to southwest) from the terminus of Little Rattlesnake Forest System Road 1501 (Township 15 North, Range 14 East, Section 32) to Bethel Ridge Forest System Road 1500 (Township 14 North, Range 14 East, Section 7).

(36 CFR 261.55 (d)).

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

- (1) Persons with a permit or written authorization specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
- (2) Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Done at Wenatchee, Washington this 9th day of July, 2010.


for REBECCA LOCKETT HEATH
Forest Supervisor
Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

Violations of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559 and 3571).

**Little Rattlesnake
Four Wheel Drive Trail 680
July 2010**

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Range 1

Forest Road 1501

Township 15

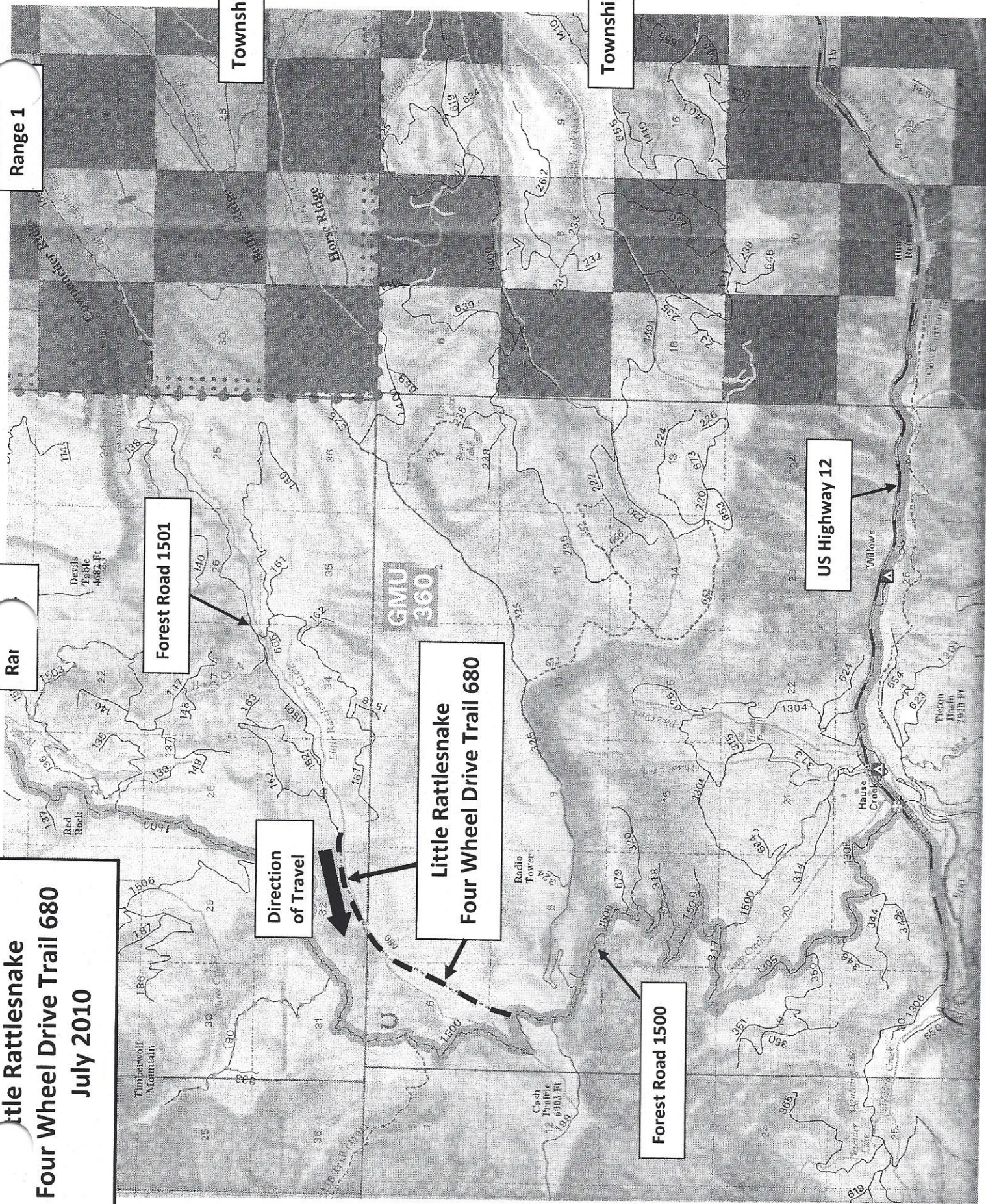
**Direction
of Travel**

**Little Rattlesnake
Four Wheel Drive Trail 680**

Forest Road 1500

Township 14

US Highway 12



Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan

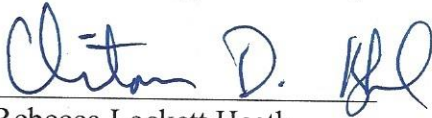
1. Background: A closure order for National Forest System Four Wheel Drive Trail 1501680 (Little Rattlesnake) is necessary for public safety and resource protection, due to the narrow trail corridor. Limited vehicle widths and lengths will protect resource damage to surrounding vegetation and soil resources. The narrow trail corridor is necessary to limit significant soil displacement into the Little Rattlesnake Creek, which is inhabited by bull trout, a Threatened Species, and to retain the desired recreational experience. The trail has been posted as limited to vehicles less than 75 inches in width and less than or equal to 95 inches in length due to its narrow width, and open to one way motorized traffic only due to steep slopes and lack of turn-around areas. This closure is based on the recommendation of the District Ranger, based on reports and field reviews from the District's off-road vehicle rangers, fisheries biologist, hydrologist, recreation planner, and law enforcement personnel. This closure is also based on public input from the Pacific Northwest Four Wheel Drive Association and from local OHV organizations.

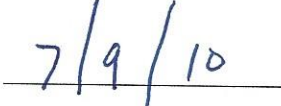
2. Intent of Closure Order: To provide for public safety and resource protection from further damage due to vegetation loss and resulting soil displacement.

3. Enforcement Plan. The following activities need to occur to implement this special order in a manner that results in public acceptance and safety:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	Susan Ranger, Recreation Planner	June 2010
District review of proposed order	Irene Davidson, Naches District Ranger	June 2010
LEO Review proposed order	Blair Bickel, LEO	July 2010
Approve proposed order	Becki Heath, Forest Supervisor	July 2010
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	Tim Ehlers, Lead OHV Ranger	July 2010
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	District PIO, after review by Naches District Ranger	July 2010
Describe implementation/action taken for order, such as planned patrols, enforcement strategies, tolerance, contacts to local public agencies. Implement plan.	Post signs indicating the trail restrictions. Periodic patrols by OHV Rangers/LEO to enforce prohibitions.	July 2010

Enforcement Plan approved for implementation:

for 
Rebecca Lockett Heath
FOREST SUPERVISOR


DATE